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11 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
12 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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14 STAR FABRICS, INC., a California
15 Corporation,

16 Plaintiff,

17 v.

18 JODIFL, INC., a California Corporation;
19 MAISON A, INC., a California Corporation;
20 and DOES 1 through 10,

21 Defendants.
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Case No.:

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR
COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

Jury Trial Demanded

23 Star Fabrics, Inc., by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby prays to
24 this honorable Court for relief based on the following:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 25 1. This action arises under the Copyright Act of 1976, Title 17 U.S.C., § 101
26 *et seq.*
27 2. This Court has federal question jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and
28 1338(a).
3. Venue in this judicial district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and

1 1400(a) in that this is the judicial district in which a substantial part of the acts and
2 omissions giving rise to the claims occurred.

3 **PARTIES**

4 4. Plaintiff STAR FABRICS, INC. is a corporation organized and existing
5 under the laws of the State of California with its principal place of business located at
6 Los Angeles, California.

7 5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant
8 JODIFL, INC (“JODIFL”), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of
9 the State of California with its principal place of business located at 2727 Long
10 Beach Ave, Los Angeles, California 90058.

11 6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant
12 MAISON A, INC. (“MAISON A”), is a corporation organized and existing under the
13 laws of the State of California with its principal place of business located at 17511
14 Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, California 95037.

15 7. Defendants DOES 1 through 10 (together with JODIFL and MAISON
16 A, “Defendants”), are other parties not yet identified who have infringed Plaintiff’s
17 copyrights, have contributed to the infringement of Plaintiff’s copyrights, or have
18 engaged in one or more of the wrongful practices alleged herein. The true names,
19 whether corporate, individual or otherwise, of Defendants 1 through 10, inclusive, are
20 presently unknown to Plaintiff, which therefore sues said Defendants by such
21 fictitious names, and will seek leave to amend this Complaint to show their true
22 names and capacities when same have been ascertained.

23 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times
24 relevant hereto each of the Defendants was the agent, affiliate, officer, director,
25 manager, principal, alter-ego, and/or employee of the remaining Defendants and was
26 at all times acting within the scope of such agency, affiliation, alter-ego relationship
27 and/or employment; and actively participated in or subsequently ratified and/or
28 adopted each of the acts or conduct alleged, with full knowledge of all the facts and

1 circumstances, including, but not limited to, full knowledge of each violation of
2 Plaintiff's rights and the damages to Plaintiff proximately caused thereby.

3 9. Plaintiff did not know or have reason to know of any of Defendants'
4 infringing conduct prior to three years before the filing of this Complaint.

5 **CLAIMS RELATED TO DESIGN 70083**

6 10. Plaintiff owns an original two-dimensional artwork used for purposes of
7 textile printing entitled 70083 (the "Subject Design") which has been registered with
8 the United States Copyright Office under Registration No. VA 1-904-150.

9 11. Since 2014, Plaintiff has widely disseminated fabric the Subject Design
10 to numerous parties in the fashion and apparel industries.

11 12. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that JODIFL and
12 each of the Defendants created, sold, manufactured, caused to be manufactured,
13 imported and/or distributed fabric and/or garments comprised of fabric featuring
14 reproductions of the Subject Design or designs which are substantially similar to
15 Subject Design (hereinafter "Offending Products"). Offending Products include but is
16 not limited to the garments sold as follows:

- 17 a. By Jodifl, under the following Style No. B8493-4 ("Subject Product
18 A"), (2) Style No. G2271-5 ("Subject Product B"), (3) SKU AS5822-
19 06 ("Subject Product C"), (4) Style No. G10210-1-Ave ("Subject
20 Product D"), (5) Style No. B8493-4-Ave ("Subject Product E"), (6)
21 SKU AS6584-01 ("Subject Product F"), and (7) Style No. 3264-
22 G22715 ("Subject Product G"), indicating it was manufactured or
23 otherwise distributed by Jodifl; and
- 24 b. By MAISON A, bearing the label "Jodifl," under Style No. G2271-5
25 ("Subject Product H"), and RN 119146, indicating it was
26 manufactured or otherwise distributed by JODIFL.

27 13. A representative sample of the Subject Design, and exemplars of the
28 Offending Products is set forth hereinbelow:

Subject Design



Offending Products



Detail



Detail



14. In addition, on October 7, 2024, STAR sent correspondence to JODIFL, demanding that it cease and desist from further use of the Subject Design, and demanded that it provide STAR with information regarding the full scope of their use

1 of the Subject Design to explore an amicable resolution to this dispute. Because the
2 parties were unable to resolve STAR's claims, STAR now seeks relief from this
3 Court.

4 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

5 (For Copyright Infringement - Against All Defendants, and Each)

6 15. Plaintiff repeats, realleges and incorporates herein by reference as
7 though fully set forth the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this
8 Complaint.

9 16. Defendants, and each of them, had access to the Subject Design,
10 including, without limitation, through (a) access to Plaintiff's showroom and/or
11 design library; (b) access to illegally distributed copies of the Subject Design by
12 third-party vendors and/or DOE Defendants, including without limitation
13 international and/or overseas converters and printing mills; (c) access to Plaintiff's
14 strike-offs and samples, and (d) access to garments in the marketplace manufactured
15 with lawfully printed fabric bearing the Subject Design.

16 17. Defendants, and each of them, infringed Plaintiff's copyright by
17 creating, making and/or developing directly infringing and/or derivative works from
18 the Subject Design and by producing, distributing and/or selling the Offending
19 Products through a nationwide network of retail stores, catalogues, and through on-
20 line websites.

21 18. Due to Defendants', and each of their, acts of infringement, Plaintiff has
22 suffered damages in an amount to be established at trial.

23 19. Due to Defendants', and each of their, acts of copyright infringement as
24 alleged herein, Defendants, and each of them, have obtained profits they would not
25 otherwise have realized but for their infringement of the Subject Design. As such,
26 Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of Defendants', and each of their, profits
27 attributable to the infringement of the Subject Design in an amount to be established
28 at trial.

20. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, have committed copyright infringement with actual or constructive knowledge of Plaintiff's rights such that said acts of copyright infringement were, and continue to be, willful, intentional and malicious.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

- a. That Defendants—each of them—and their respective agents and servants be enjoined from importing, manufacturing, distributing, offering for sale, selling or otherwise trafficking in any product that infringes Plaintiff's copyrights in the Subject Design;
- b. That Plaintiff be awarded all profits of Defendants, and each of them, plus all losses of Plaintiff, the exact sum to be proven at the time of trial, or, if elected before final judgment, statutory damages as available under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
- c. That Plaintiff be awarded its attorneys' fees as available under the Copyright Act U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;
- d. That Plaintiff be awarded pre-judgment interest as allowed by law;
- e. That Plaintiff be awarded the costs of this action; and
- f. That Plaintiff be awarded such further legal and equitable relief as the Court deems proper.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues so triable pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38 and the 7th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Dated: April 8, 2025

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